

**APPLICATION FOR  
ILLINOIS JUDGES FOUNDATION  
HAROLD SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP  
2018**

**BACKGROUND**

The Illinois Judges Foundation will award the Harold Sullivan Scholarship to one or more students attending an Illinois law school. Each scholarship will be for \$5,000.00. Please check with your law school to determine if it will supply matching funds because the total scholarship value will be greater where that is the case.

To be eligible, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Does not have a family member who is a judge;
- Currently is a first or second year law student at an Illinois law school;
- Has community service or *pro bono* experience;
- Has financial need.

Applications for the Harold Sullivan Scholarship must be postmarked by June 15, 2018. They must be mailed to: Illinois Judges Foundation, 321 South Plymouth Court, Chicago, Illinois 60604. No emails can be accepted. The scholarship(s) will be awarded at the annual Illinois Judges Foundation Annual Reception.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1ST YEAR LAW STUDENT      \_\_\_\_\_ 2ND YEAR LAW STUDENT

LAW SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

## **SCHOLARSHIP SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

Identify any college or university from which you graduated, the year, and the degree received:

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Do you have a family member who is currently a judge? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe any community service or *pro bono* work you have done. (Please attach to this application.)

On a separate sheet of paper, please explain your financial need. (Please attach to this application.)

In 750-1500 words (not including citations), please discuss the role of the judiciary in addressing the following:

### **Issues Presented by the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act**

Illinois has one of the most comprehensive biometric information privacy acts in the country. *See* Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act, 740 ILCS 14/1 (West 2008) (“BIPA”). The legislative findings referenced in BIPA show a recognition that “[biometrics, however, are biologically unique to the individual; Therefore, once compromised, the individual has no recourse, is at heightened risk for identity theft, and is likely to withdraw from biometric facilitated transactions.” 740 ILCS 14/5 (West 2008) (legislative findings). Two recent cases involving BIPA claims brought against Facebook and Shutterfly recently had motions to dismiss denied. Both cases involve identification by Facebook and Shutterfly of large numbers of individuals without their knowledge through digital scans of facial geometry in photographs that are uploaded by other persons who are users of the respective databases. How should courts proceed from here? Do you foresee a need for expert testimony regarding the technology or is this simply an issue of statutory construction that can be decided as a matter of law? Provide your rationale as to whether plaintiffs or defendants should ultimately prevail.

As a start for your research, you should read both decisions: *In re Facebook Biometric Info. Privacy Litig.*, 185 F. Supp. 3d 1155 (N.D. Cal. 2016); *Monroy v. Shutterfly, Inc.*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 149604 (N.D. Ill.).

(Please provide your essay in typed, double-spaced, 12 point font, with one inch margins, and attach to this application.)

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**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby acknowledge that I have read this agreement and agree to be bound by each and every term herein.

I do hereby swear or affirm that the information contained herein is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

I hereby acknowledge that the essay submitted with this application is my sole, exclusive and original work.

I am fully aware that any intentional falsification of information contained herein may result in the denial of the application or loss of any aid received.

I realize that this award may be revoked if I fail to meet the designated qualifications.

I understand that I must continue to meet the designated qualifications.

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_